

2004-05 Political Economy Seminars

Fall 2004	Speaker	Title
October 12	Matthew O. Jackson Caltech	Vote Buying with Eddie Dekel and Asher Wolinsky.
October 26	Romain T. Wacziarg Stanford GSB	Death and Development (co-authored with John McMillan and Peter Lorentzen)
November 9	Massimo Morelli Ohio State	Self Enforcing Voting in International Organizations
November 23	Tasos Kalandrakis University of Rochester	Genericity of Minority Governments: the Role of Policy and Office
December 7	Catherine Hafer NYU	Standoff and Coordination
Winter 2005	Speaker	Title
January 18	Roberto Rigobon MIT	Rule of Law, Democracy, Openness, and Income: Estimating The Interrelationships
February 1	Alan Wiseman Ohio State	Bargaining in Legislatures over Particularistic and Collective Goods
March 1	Adam Meirowitz Princeton University	Exclusionary Deliberation: The design of deliberative institutions to aggregate preferences and Information In defense of exclusionary deliberation: communication and voting with private beliefs and values
March 15	Bård Harstad Northwestern University	Harmonization and Side Payments in Political Cooperation
March 29	Diego Comin NYU	Lobbying and Technology Diffusion
Spring 2005	Speaker	Title
April 12	Dave Baron Stanford GSB	Strategic activism and nonmarket strategy
April 26	Craig Volden Ohio State	Intergovernmental Grants: A Model of Political Competition in a Federal System
June 7	Ken Shotts Stanford GSB	Information, Ideology, and Representation: The Case of Elected Prosecutors

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October 7	Jonathan Bendor Stanford	Satisficing versus Optimizing with Sunil Kumar
October 21	Romain Wacziarg Stanford	A Monte Carlo Study of Growth Regressions joint with Bill Hauk
November 6*	Joel Waldfogel Wharton--University of Pennsylvania	Does the <i>New York Times</i> Spread Ignorance and Apathy?
November 18	David Baron Stanford	Persistent Media Bias
December 2	Marco Battaglini Princeton	Policy Advice with Imperfectly Informed Experts
December 16	Betsy Stevenson Forrester Research Harvard University	The Internet and Job Search
Winter 2003	Speaker	Title
January 20	Keith Krehbiel Stanford University	Strategic Appointments
February 3	George Akerlof UC Berkeley	Identity and the Economics of Organizations
February 17	Justin Wolfers Stanford University	Disagreement About Inflation Expectations
February 27°	Ebonya Washington MIT Econ	How Back Candidates Affect Voter Turnout and Candidate Positioning
March 2	Daniel Carpenter Harvard University	A Theory of Approval Regulation
March 16	Ronny Razin NYU	Group Decision-Making in the Shadow of Disagreement
March 30	Sven Feldmann University of Chicago	Lobbying Bureaucrats: Delegation and Influence Under Alternative Political Structures
Spring 2004	Speaker	Title
April 13	Sean Gailmard University of Chicago	Fairness and Entitlement in Majoritarian Decision-Making
May 11°	John Roemer	Cancelled due to illness. To be rescheduled in the Fall
May 25	Brian Knight Brown University	Are Policy Platforms Capitalized into Equity Prices? Evidence From the Bush/Gore 2000 Presidential Election
June 1 ¹	Alberto Alesina Harvard University	Bureaucrats or Politicians?

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Fall 2002	Speaker	Title
September 10	David Baron Stanford University	Private Politics and Private Policy: A Theory of Boycotts
September 24	Justin Wolfers Stanford University	Is Business Cycle Volatility Costly? Evidence from Surveys of Subjective Wellbeing
October 8	David Lee UC Berkeley Joint seminar with Economics Dept. Public Economics Seminar	Policy Convergence or Divergence? Evidence from U.S. House Roll Call Voting Records
October 22	James Andreoni University of Wisconsin Joint seminar joint with Economics Dept. Public Economics Seminar	Leadership Giving in Charitable Fund-Raising
November 5	Steve Callander Northwestern University	Bandwagons and Momentum in Sequential Voting" and "Vote Timing and Information Aggregation
November 19	David Stromberg Stockholm University - IIES	Radio's Impact on Public Spending
December 3	Keith Krehbiel Stanford University	Partisan Roll Rates in a Nonpartisan Legislature
Winter 2003	Speaker	Title
January 14	Barry Weingast Stanford University	CANCELLED
January 28	Leeat Yariv UCLA	Putting Your Ballot Where Your Mouth Is: An Analysis of Collective Choice with Communication
February 11	Tom Palfrey Caltech Joint seminar with the Economics	An Equilibrium Model of Federal Mandates
February 25	Adam Meirowitz Princeton University	Accountability and Representation with Uncertain Policy Constraints
March 11	Steve Levitt University of Chicago Joint seminar with the Economics	
March 25	Tim Groseclose Stanford University	A Measure of Media Bias
Spring 2003	Speaker	Title
April 8	James Snyder MIT	Legislative Effectiveness and Legislative Life
April 22	Edward Glaeser Harvard University Joint seminar with the Economics	The Politics of Hate
May 6	Rohini Pande Columbia University Joint seminar with the Economics	Women, Marriage and Politics: The Political Salience of Changing Family Form in Europe
May 20	Jonathan Rodden MIT Joint seminar with the Economics	Reviving Leviathan: Fiscal Federalism and the Growth of Government
June 3	Enrico Spolaore Brown University	Adjustments in Different Government Systems

2001-02 Political Economy Seminars

Fall 2001	Speaker	Title
September 18	Witold Henisz University of Pennsylvania	Interest Groups, Political Institutions and Electricity Investment (with Bennet Zelner)
October 2	Nicola Persico University of Pennsylvania	The Drawbacks of Electoral Competition (with Alessandro Lizzeri)
October 16	Robin Burgess London School of Economics	The Political Economy of Government Responsiveness: Theory and Evidence from India (with Timothy Besley)
October 30	Dean Lacy Ohio State University	Nonseparable Preferences in Survey Responses
November 13	Rafael di Tella Harvard University	A New Explanation for European Unemployment Based on Rational Institutions" (with Robert MacCulloch)
November 27	Daniel Treisman UCLA	Rational Appeasement
Winter 2002	Speaker	Title
January 22	Mo Fiorina Stanford University	The 2000 US Presidential Election: Can Retrospective Voting Be Saved?
February 5	John Donohue Stanford University	Legalized Abortion and Crime (joint with Steve Levitt)
February 14	Michael McBride Yale University	Discrete Public Goods Under Threshold Uncertainty - Theory and Experiments
February 19	Imran Rasul LSE	Household Bargaining Over Fertility: Theory and Evidence From Malaysia
March 5	Raquel Fernandez New York University	Marrying Your Mom: Mothers, Sons, and Women's Work and Education
March 19	J.R. De Shazo UCLA	Devolution, Political Markets and Market Power
Spring 2002	Speaker	Title
April 2	Brandice Canes MIT	Bureaucratic Decisions and the Lower Courts: An Analysis of Wetlands Permitting
April 16	Raymond Fisman Columbia University	Tax Rates and Tax Evasion: Evidence from "Missing Imports" in China
April 30	Gérard Roland UC Berkeley	A Normal Parliament? Party Cohesion and Competition in the European Parliament 1979-2001
May 14	Tim Groseclose GSB, Stanford University	Notes on Extreme Sample Selection Bias: Conditions that Cause the Correlation Between Two Variables to Switch Signs (with Jeff Milyo)
May 28	Catherine Wolfram University California, Berkeley	Pharmaceutical Prices and Political Activity
May 30	Ken Shotts Northwestern	A Time to Lead and a Time to Pander: The Conditional Nature of Presidential Responsiveness to Public Opinion

2000-01 Political Economy Seminars

Fall 2000	Speaker	Title
October 3	Antonio Rangel Stanford University	Legislative Institutions (with Doug Bernheim and Luis Rayo)
October 17	Simon Jackman Stanford University	The Statistical Analysis of Legislative Roll Calls: a Unified Approach (with Joshua Clinton and Doug Rivers)
October 31	Tim Groseclose Stanford University	Why a Teaspoon of Position-Taking Drowns a Mountain of Policy Preferences: A Theoretical Result (with Jeffrey Milyo)
November 14	Antonio Merlo University of Pennsylvania	A Structural Model of Government Formation (with Daniel Diermeier)
December 12	Florencio Lopez-de-Silanes Harvard University	Soft Lending and Hard Landing: Related Lending in Mexico (joint with Rafael La Porta and Guillermo Zamarripa)
Winter 2001	Speaker	Title
January 9	Adam Meirowitz Stanford University	Simple Spatial Models of Delegation (with Jon Bendor, Ami Glazer, Tom Hammond)
February 6	Romain Wacziarg Stanford University	Stages of Diversification (with Jean Imbs)
February 20	Keith Krehbiel Stanford University	Testing Theories of Legislative Choice
March 6	Alison Alter Stanford University	Electoral Exuberance? Political Business Cycles and the Stock Market? (joint with Lucy Goodhart)
March 20	José Tavares UCLA	Does Right or Left Matter? Cabinets, Credibility and Fiscal Adjustments
Spring 2001	Speaker	Title
April 17	David Cutler Harvard University	The Economics of Better Health: The Case of Cardiovascular Disease
May 1	Dani Rodrik Harvard University	Why Are Some People (and Countries) More Protectionist Than Others? (joint with Anna Maria Mayda)
May 15	John Duggan University of Rochester	Electoral Competition with Policy-Motivated Candidates (with Mark Fey)
May 23	Alex Cukierman Tel Aviv University	When is the Median Voter Paradigm a Reasonable Guide for Policy Choices in a Representative Democracy? (joint with Y. Spiegel)
May 29	Ignacio Ortuno Ortin Universidad de Alicante	Public Funding of Political Parties

1999-00 Political Economy Seminars

Fall 1999	Speaker	Title
October 5	Werner Troesken University of Pittsburgh	Did the Trusts Have Market Power: Evidence from Distilling, 1881-1899 (with Karen Clay)
October 19	Mike Ting	Adaptively Rational Voters and Turnout (with Jonathan Bendor and Daniel Diermeier)
November 2	Nolan McCarty Columbia University	Political Resource Allocation: Benefits and Costs of Voter Initiatives
November 16	Sven Feldmann University of Chicago	Lobbying Legislatures (with Morten Bennedsen)
December 7	Alan Gerber Yale University	The Effect of a Nonpartisan Get-Out-The-Vote Drive: An Experimental Study
December 14	David Baron Stanford University	Competitive Lobbying in a Majority-Rule Institution
Winter 2000	Speaker	Title
January 25	Christophe Crombez Stanford IIS and Katholieke Universiteit, Belgium	Institutional Reform and Codecision in the European Union
February 8	James Snyder MIT	An Informational Rationale for Political Parties (with Michael Ting)
February 22	Kevin Grier University of Oklahoma	Political Regime Change and the Real Interest Rate
March 7	David Laitin Stanford University	Sons of the Soil, Immigrants and the State (with Jim Fearon)
March 21	David Austen-Smith Northwestern University	Redistributing Income under Proportional Representation
Spring 2000	Speaker	Title
April 4	Ken Shotts Northwestern University	True Leadership, Pandering, and Fake Leadership: A Theory of Executive Policymaking (with Brandice Canes-Wrone and Michael Herron)
April 18	James Robinson UC Berkeley	A Theory of Political Transitions (with Daron Acemoglu)
May 2	Avinash Dixit Princeton University	Fiscal Discretion Destroys Monetary Commitment" (with Luisa Lambertini)
May 16	Francisco Rodriguez University of Maryland	An Interest Groups Theory of Human Capital Accumulation: Theory and Evidence (with Jose Pineda)
May 30	Stephen Coate Cornell University	Non-majoritarian Policy Outcomes and the Role of the Initiative" (with Tim Besley)
June 13	Francesco Caselli University of Chicago/Harvard	Bad Politicians (with Massimo Morelli)

1998-99 Political Economy Seminars

Fall 1998	Speaker	Title
October 27	Jeffrey Milyo Tufts University	
November 10	Randall Kroszner University of Chicago	Corporate Campaign Contributions, Legislator Reputation and Political Ambiguity: An Empirical Analysis
November 24	Jeffrey Jenkins Michigan State University	Examining the Bonding Effects of Party: A Comparative Analysis of Roll Call Voting in the US and Confederate Houses
December 8	Curtis Signorino University of Rochester	Statistical Analysis of Finite Choice Models in Extensive Form
Winter 1999	Speaker	Title
January 12	Jonathan Bendor Stanford University	Adaptive Political Parties and Downsian Competition
January 26	Jeffrey Lewis Princeton University	Referendums, Initiatives, and State Legislative Partisanship
February 9	Dennis Yao Wharton	The Sale of Ideas: Strategic Disclosure, Property Rights, and Incomplete Contracts
February 23	Massimo Morelli Iowa State University	Demand Competition and Policy Compromise in Legislative Bargaining
March 9	Antonio Rangel Stanford University	Forward and Backward Intergenerational Goods
March 23	Thomas R. Palfrey Caltech	An Experimental Study of Jury Decisions (with Richard D. McKelvey)
Spring 1999	Speaker	Title
April 6	Timothy Feddersen Northwestern University	Abstention in Elections with Asymmetric Information and Diverse Preferences
April 20	Howard Rosenthal Princeton University and CASB	The Hunt for Party Discipline
May 4	Tim Groseclose Stanford University	Buying the Bums Out: What's the Dollar Value of a Seat in Congress?
May 18	Alberto Alesina Harvard University	Participation in Heterogeneous Communities
June 1	James Poterba MIT	Fiscal Institutions and the Market for Government Debt